

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A configurable driveshaft assembly comprising:

a male component;

a female component in engagement with said male component, said female component comprising a configurable segment between a female yoke and a receptacle member, said configurable segment being selected from a plurality of optional different length configurable segments to result in a desired overall length for the configurable driveshaft assembly; and

a seal received at one end of said female component, and said male component having a yoke and a stem extending from said yoke into said female component, said seal sealing on an outer peripheral surface of said stem, said seal being unsecured to said outer peripheral surface of said stem, and with said male component being movable within said receptacle member, with said stem moving relative to said seal as said male component moves relative to said receptacle member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The configurable driveshaft assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said configurable segment is tubular.

4. (Original) The configurable driveshaft assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said configurable segment comprises a beveled edge.

5. (Original) The configurable driveshaft assembly as recited in claim 1 wherein said configurable segment is a rolled tube.

6. (Currently Amended) A drivetrain assembly comprising:

a first axle;

an interaxle driveshaft connected to said first axle, said interaxle driveshaft comprising a configurable segment between a female yoke and a receptacle member, said configurable segment being selected from a plurality of optional different length configurable segments to result in a desired overall length for the interaxle driveshaft;

a second axle connected to said interaxle driveshaft; and

a seal received at one end of said receptacle member, and a male component having a yoke and a stem extending from said yoke into said receptacle member, said seal sealing on an outer peripheral surface of said stem, said seal being unsecured to said outer peripheral surface of said stem, and with said male component being movable within said receptacle member, with said stem moving relative to said seal as said male component moves relative to said receptacle member.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 6 wherein said configurable segment is tubular.
9. (Original) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 6 wherein said configurable segment has at least one beveled edge.
10. (Original) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 6 wherein said configurable segment is a rolled tube.
11. (Currently Amended) A drivetrain assembly comprising:
- a transmission;
 - a forward driveshaft connected to said transmission, said forward driveshaft comprising a configurable segment between a female yoke and a receptacle member, said configurable segment being selected from a plurality of optional different length configurable segments to result in a desired overall length for the forward driveshaft;
 - an axle connected to said forward driveshaft; and
 - a seal received at one end of said receptacle member, and a male component having a yoke and a stem extending from said yoke into said receptacle member, said seal sealing on an outer peripheral surface of said stem, ~~said seal being unsecured to said outer peripheral surface of said stem, and with said male component being movable within said receptacle~~

member, with said stem moving relative to said seal as said male component moves relative to said receptacle member.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 11 wherein said configurable segment is tubular.

14. (Original) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 11 wherein said configurable segment has at least one beveled edge.

15. (Original) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 11 wherein said configurable segment is a rolled tube.

16. (Previously Presented) The configurable driveshaft assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said configurable segment has a beveled edge at each of two ends, a first of said beveled edges sitting on an outer peripheral surface of said female yoke, and a second of said beveled edges sitting on an outer peripheral surface of said receptacle member.

17. (Previously Presented) The drivetrain assembly as recited in claim 9, wherein said configurable segment has a beveled edge at each of two ends, a first of said beveled

edges sitting on an outer peripheral surface of said female yoke, and a second of said beveled edges sitting on an outer peripheral surface of said receptacle member.

18. (Previously Presented) The drivetrain as recited in claim 14, wherein said configurable segment has a beveled edge at each of two ends, a first of said beveled edges sitting on an outer peripheral surface of said female yoke, and a second of said beveled edges sitting on an outer peripheral surface of said receptacle member.